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Canada's Most Expensive Stamp Series Ever?



Canada Post's *Star Trek* series of stamps, issued May 5, 2016, is now Canada's most expensive stamp series ever. Or is it? It depends on how you look at it.

The following list shows all of the postage stamp items including their single-stamp face value and the price it actually costs to buy the item(s) at the post office. That is, there are some items that cannot be purchased without buying a minimum quantity:

Item	Face value	Purchasing price
Permanent™ booklet of 10 (5 designs)	$4.25	$8.50
Permanent™ coil roll of 50 (2 designs) [1]	$1.70	$3.40 $42.50
Permanent™ souvenir sheet of 2 designs	$1.70	$1.70
$5 lenticular stamps (2 designs)	$10.00	$10.00
pane of 5 designs	$7.35	$7.35
Prestige booklet containing five different souvenir sheets [2]	$1.70 $18.95	$19.95
uncut press sheet of six souvenir sheets	$44.10	$44.10
uncut press sheet of twelve lenticular souvenir sheets	$120.00	$120.00
postal cards (5 designs)	$12.50	$12.50

[1] Canada Post does not offer a pair; a strip of 4 ($3.40) is the minimum one can buy to obtain the two designs. A full roll ($42.50) is required if one wishes an example of every back-print example.
[2] the face-total of all five souvenir shets is $18.95; all of the Star Trek character stamps are the same as those found in the 'pane of 5 designs'; only the two 'ship' stamps are different from any other source (i.e. the $1.70 amount)

The face value of a single stamp of each design/type is 'just' $26.70, but one must spend nearly double that ($50.90) to obtain them direct from Canada Post. As noted on page 87 of this issue, if you were to purchase one of 'everything' that is being offered by Canada Post (the above plus frame prints, official first day covers, postal cards, etc.) then the total comes to a whopping $754.49.

How does the *Star Trek* issue compare with the Diamond Jubilee issue of 1897? There were 16 stamp issued, with a face value ranging from ½c to $5. The total face value is $16.20½. The MeasuringWorth.com website (found with a Google search), provides a relative value of what $16.20 in 1897 would be worth today. The values their site gives for a 2015 equivalent ranges from $410.00 to $17,800.00, depending on various factors. Even on the low end, a comparable $410 in today's dollars is quite an amount.

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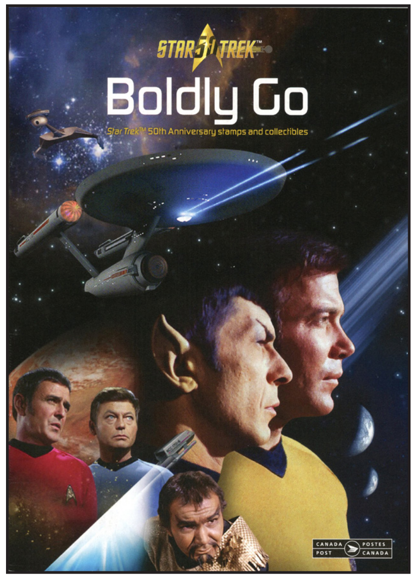
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Canada Post News

Here is what Canada Post is up to these days...

◗ *Details*

Two *Details* magazines arrived in my mailbox on the **same day**: *The Boldly Go* (May 2016 | No. 3) arrived a couple of weeks *after* the (*Star Trek*) stamps announced in that issue were released while the May–July | No. 4 arrived about a week *before* the Dinos of Canada stamps were released.





A couple of items of interest are included in the May–July 2016 *Details*:

- The Sir John A. Macdonald stamp issued January 11, 2015 was recognized with a Certificate of Typographic excellence by the Type Directors Club. Along with winning entries from 49 countries, the stamp will be displayed at the 62nd TDC Awards Exhibition in New York later this year. [I felt this was one of the worst designed stamps of 2015; goes to show you what I know!]

- Due to popular demand, the Hydrangeas coil of 50, first released March 1, 2016, has had an additional reprint of 40,000 coils. The original print run was some 90,000 rolls. Has anyone seen the 'reprint' to see if there is any kind of difference from the original printing?

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Study Group Business

❖ New members

Planning Calendar

This is a listing of major exhibitions and bourses with a large content of both Canadian Exhibits and Canadian dealers.

The goal is to list events far in advance to encourage either exhibiting or attendance and preferably both.

2016

BNAPEX 2016: Sep 30–Oct 2, 2016 in Fredericton, NB

To Boldly Go Where Some Postal Administrations Have Gone Before

Canada Post's *Star Trek* stamps have been out about a month now. What do you think of this stamp issue?

My local post office (Beausejour, MB) has certainly found this issue to be very, very popular with the general public. They have sold nearly four boxes (40 rolls) of the coils of 50, at least two of the William Shatner framed print, as well as dozens of the Permanent™ booklets of 10.

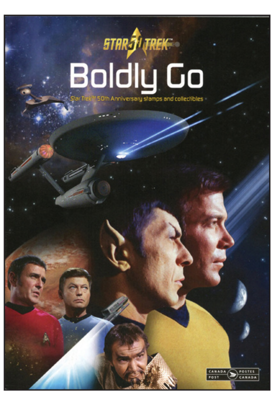
From a marketing point of view, I get it. *Star Trek*, particularly the original television series and subsequent movie spin-offs with the same cast and crew, is very popular. However, from a stamp collector's point of view, the extent of what Canada Post issued is completely unnecessary. The sidebar lists the different items that Canada Post produced for this stamp issue.

There are so many items that Canada Post's special *Boldly Go Details* issue includes a checklist of the items (see below).

We have seen other postal administrations go overboard with the number of stamp issues and overkill in the release of unnecessary topical issues. Canada Post has joined this growing group in one swell swoop (if they hadn't already been a part of this group with previous stamp issues!).

A collector wishing to buy just one of each item will have to fork over a whopping $754.49. The only *logical* explanation for this kind of offering by Canada Post has to be that the purchasing rights for the use of *Star Trek* and related images must have cost Canada Post quite a bundle. Wouldn't you think that it would be an *honour* to be commemorated on a postage stamp? One should not have to be compensated for that privilege.

By the way, I am a *Star Trek* fan (not quite a *Trekkie* though) and did spend my share of money on this issue (many, but not all items), largely because I needed to see and scan the material for the Unitrade catalogue. Otherwise, I would have skipped this issue.





***Star Trek* items**:



- Permanent™ booklet of 10 (5 designs) [$8.50]
- Permanent™ coil roll of 50 (2 designs) [$42.50]
- Permanent™ souvenir sheet of 2 designs [$1.70]
- $5 lenticular stamps (2 designs) in a souvenir sheet of 2 [$10.00]
- pane of 5 designs (Permanent™, $1, $1.20, $1.80, $2.50) [$7.35]
- Prestige booklet containing five different souvenir sheets [$19.95]
- 8 different official first day covers [$22.00]
- 5 different prestamped postal cards [$12.50]
- uncut press sheet of six souvenir sheets [$44.10]
- uncut press sheet of twelve lenticular souvenir sheets [$120.00]
- coil dispenser [$5.99]
- framed five stamp pane [$69.95]
- framed William Shatner framed print [$249.95]
- lenticular souvenir sheet enlargement [$140.00]

Canada Post 2016 Stamp Program

Issue dates are subject to change by Canada Post. Shaded entries are changed/new from the last time we presented this list.

Issued	Description	Scott#
Jan 11	Year of the Monkey • Permanent™ (85¢) pane of 25 • Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet pane of 10 • $2.50 postal card	 2884 2886
Jan 11	UNESCO World Heritage Sites in Canada • Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10 (5 designs) • Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 30 (5 designs) • $4.25 gummed souvenir sheet of 5	 2890-94 2889
Jan 11	Queen Elizabeth II • Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10	 2888
Feb 1	Year of the Monkey • $2.50, self-adhesive booklet pane of 6 • $2.50 souvenir sheet • $2.50 (Monkey) and 2$.50 (Ram) "transitional" souvenir sheet • $30.00 uncut press sheet of 12 souvenir sheets • $2.50 postal card	 2887 2885 2885a
Feb 1	Black History Month: No. 2 Construction Battalion • Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10	 2895
Mar 1	Hydrangeas (2 designs) • Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10 • Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive roll of 50 • $1.70 gummed souvenir sheet of 2 • $2.50 postal cards (one of each design)	 2899–00 2897–98 2896
Mar 8	Women's Suffrage 100th anniversary • Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10	
Apr 13	Canadian Photography (7 designs) • Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10 • $1.20, self-adhesive booklet of 6 • $2.50, self-adhesive booklet of 6 • $4.55 gummed souvenir sheet of 3 • $3.40 gummed souvenir sheet of 4 • $2.50 postal cards (one of each design)	
May 5	Star Trek 50th Anniversary • Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10 (5 designs) • $7.35 gummed pane of 5 • Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive roll of 50 (2 designs) • $1.70 gummed souvenir sheet of 2 • $19.95 Prestige booklet, with 5 souvenir sheets • $10 lenticular souvenir sheet of 2 x $5 stamps • $120.00 uncut press sheet of 12 lenticular souvenir sheets • $44.10 uncut press sheet of 6 souvenir sheets • $2.50 postal cards (five designs)	
May 26	Dinos of Canada (5 designs) • Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10 • $4.25 gummed souvenir sheet of 5 • $30.60 uncut press sheet of 7 souvenir sheets + 1 single stamp	
Jul12	Birds of Canada (5 designs) • Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10 • $4.25 gummed souvenir sheet of 5 • $2.50 postal cards (one of each design)	

Elizabethan II Market Place

Classified listings in the Market Place are $1.00 for 25 words. Additional words are 5¢ each. Camera ready display ads (preferably 300dpi, black and white tiff scans) pertaining primarily to the Elizabethan era will be accepted at the following rates: ⅛ page $5.00; ¼ page $8.00; ½ page $15.00 and a full page at $30.00. 25% discount for four consecutive insertions of the same ad. Full payment must accompany ad. Payment in Canadian funds to: Elizabethan II Study Group. Mail to Editor: Robin Harris, PO Box 2243, Beausejour, MB R0E 0C0, Canada.

◗ ORAPEX 2016

I attended my first ORAPEX stamp show this year. This annual national show is held in Ottawa on the first weekend in May. There were some 38 dealers and over 150 frames of exhibits.

I ran into a number of ESG members and it was great to see some contacts for the first time.



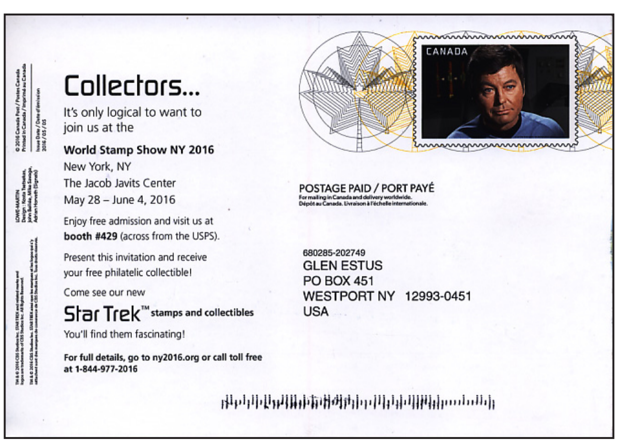
The awards list shows that ESG member Robert Lemire won the BNAPS "White Queen" Award (it is actually called the ESG John D. Arn White Queen Award) for his exhibit titled *Postal Stationery Printed to Private Order for use by the Ontario Hydro-Electric Power Commission (Ontario Hydro)*.

I took advantage of my trip to Ottawa to visit the Library and Archives Canada; you can see some examples of material that I viewed elsewhere in this issue.

◗ World Stamp Show NY2016

The latest international stamp show to be held in North America has just concluded. World Stamp Show NY2016 was held from May 28 through June 4 at the Javits Center in New York, NY.

Canada Post mailed out invitations on *Star Trek* postal cards to a selected group of individuals (geographically around New York?). Here is an example of one, as posted by Glenn Estus on the *Stamp Community* newsgroup and *The Stamp Collecting Forum*.



The card notes "Visit us [Canada Post] at booth #429. Present this invitation and receive your free philatelic collectible!" Glenn followed up his initial posting with the following:

> *Did anyone redeem their cards for the free philatelic collectible? I did.*
>
> *First, they took the card, cancelled it with their show cancel, and gave it back to me.*
>
> *Then...*
>
> *they gave me a copy of Sc. 2340. That's the lenticular souvenir sheet of three $3.00 stamps from 2009 commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Montreal Canadiens. Not bad!*

Here is an image of Canada Post's show booth at the NY2016 show, as posted by *Anglophile* on the *StampoRama Discussions* online newsgroup:



The *Star Trek* stamps are certainly an integral part of the display. The entire back wall display shows *Star Trek* items.

It is also interesting to note that *coins* were placed in a prominent location of their display (the corner display case has several coins as release by the Royal Canadian Mint). I wonder how many other postal administrations (or even dealers) were offering *coins* at an international *stamp* show?

From the image it appears as though there were at least four Canada Post employees in attendance at the show.

Library and Archives Visit

by: *Robin Harris*

While attending ORAPEX this year (April 30–May 1; my first time at ORAPEX!) I took the opportunity to visit the Library and Archives. I made arrangements ahead of time to view modern definitive material. I spent a full day in the Gatineau building and saw quite a bit of material.

Here are some 'quick' highlights, with digitally re-created images of the press sheets. For many of these I took specific measurements and, for all, have used Adobe Photoshop to make the images shown here. Although I had asked specifically for definitive material, some of the boxes also included some commemorative issues – I took advantage of that and made some notes that will eventually appear in the Unitrade catalogue.

- **Group of Seven [Scott 1559–1561], June 29, 1995**



This stamp issue consists of three different souvenir sheets. Two sheets contained three stamps while the third sheet had four stamps.

All three souvenir sheets appear on the same press sheet, but one of the sheets is printed *inverted* in relation to the other two! [Figure 1]

◗ **Canadian Horses [Scott 1795–1798], June 2, 1999**



The Unitrade catalogue lists a constant plate variety, "pink cloud in trees" (Unitrade 1795i), found on the Northern Dancer self-adhesive booklet stamp. The flaw consists of a pink semi-circular 'cloud' in the green trees just above the horse's tail.

The press sheet consists of eight booklet panes, in two rows of four panes [Figure 2]. The variety appears on only *one* of the panes, in Row 1, Column 4. Thus, there is one flaw per eight booklets, or one flaw per 24 stamps.

◗ **Millennium Collection; Souvenir sheets of 4 [Scott 1818–1834], December 1999–March 2000**



Canada Post released a limited edition (200,000 numbered copies) hardbound book on September 15, 1999 for $59.99 that contained 68 specially minted stamps in a unique page format created exclusively for this edition. The stamps were printed with two stamps per page.

The stamp catalogues were not going to recognize the 68 stamps printed in the book because of the "limited edition" and excessive "surcharge" over face value (almost double the price of the stamps). As a result Canada Post re-issued the 68 stamps over a 3-month period in 17 different panes of 4 stamps each.

The press sheet of the souvenir sheets of four consists of 20 souvenir sheets – one of each sheet and *four of one of the sheets* (Scott 1830). [Figure 3]



Figure 1. Press sheet of Group of Seven souvenir sheets (digitally created as observed April 29, 2016 at Library and Archives Canada)

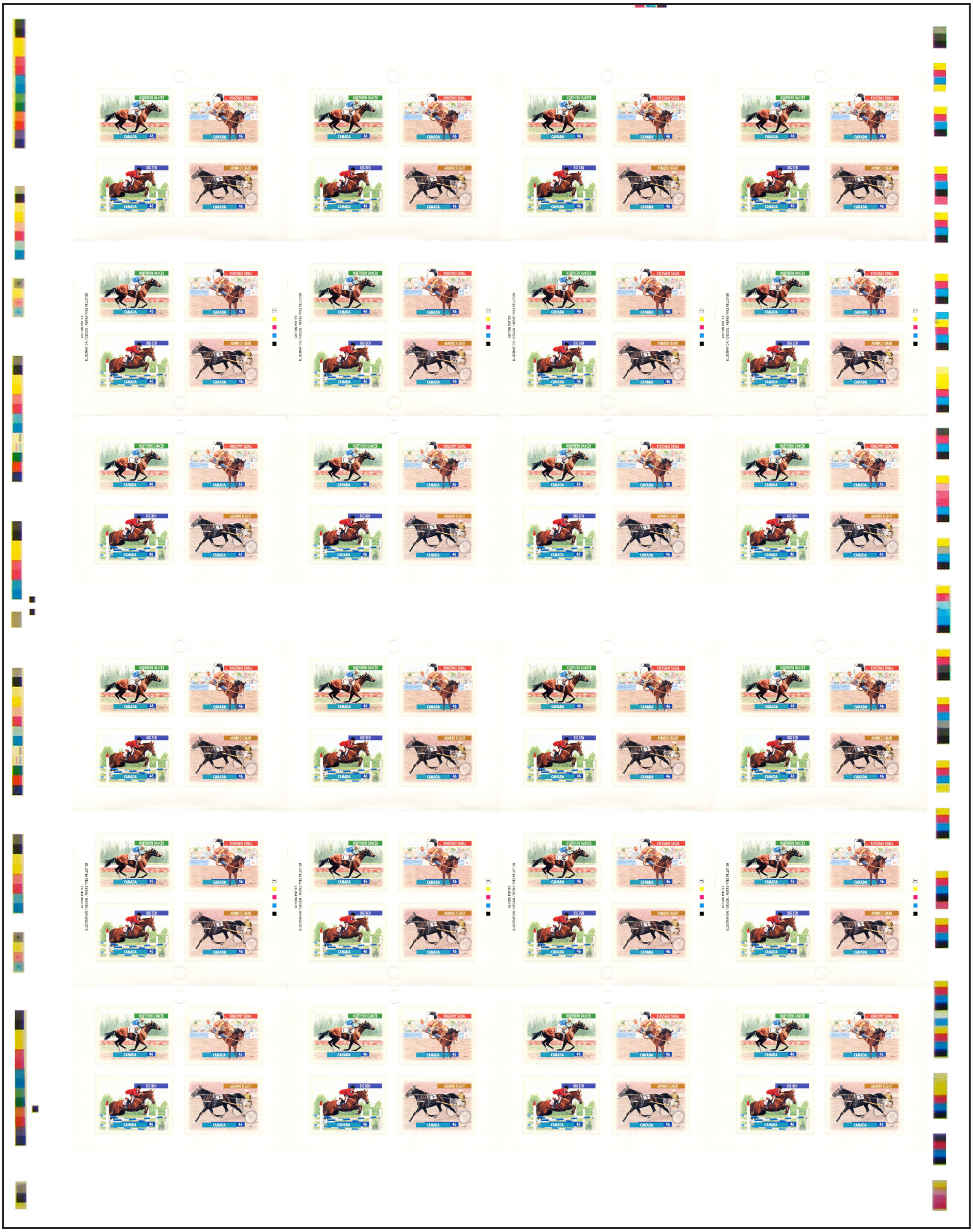


Figure 2. Press sheet of Canadian Horses booklet pane (digitally created as observed April 29, 2016 at Library and Archives Canada)



Figure 3. Press sheet of Millennium Collection souvenir sheets (digitally created as observed April 29, 2016 at Library and Archives Canada)

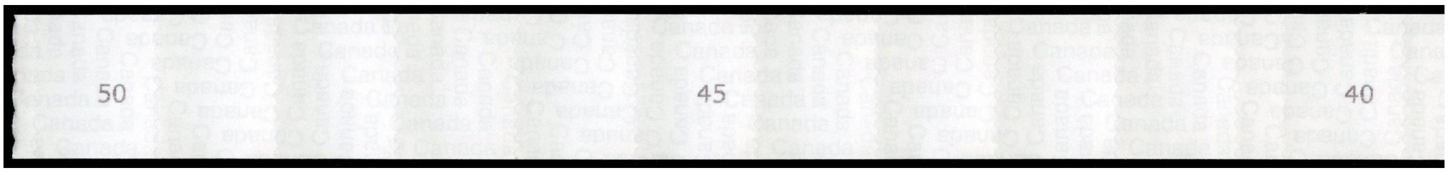
Back Numbers on Coil Stamps



A third Canadian stamp issue has appeared with countdown back numbering on the coil stamps – the current $1.80 Atlantic Puffin baby wildlife definitive (Scott 2713), first issued in rolls of 50 stamps on March 31, 2014. It is the latest stamp to have this feature. Rolls found in boxes dated January 2016 (or after) should have the back numbers.

In the last *Corgi Times*, we reported that the Hydrangeas and Permanent™ Beaver coil stamps had appeared with these back numbers on the back of the stamps. The numbers count down, with a number appearing every five stamps along the roll. The first stamp to be removed from the roll has the highest number (either 50 or 100, depending on the length of roll).

There are two more current baby wildlife definitives that should/may appear with the back numbers before they are replaced with the next rate change: $1.20 Mountain Goat and $2.50 Wapiti.









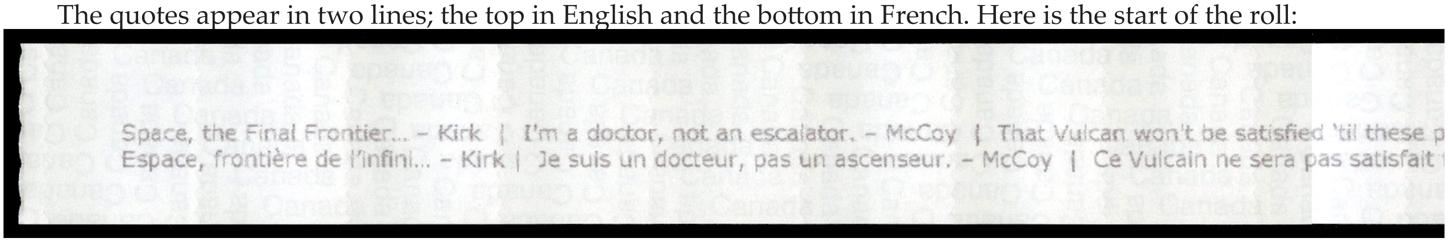


Star Trek Coil Back Text

The *Star Trek* coil of 50 stamps, featuring the *U.S.S. Enterprise* NCC-1701 and a Klingon battler cruiser, has famous quotes from the series printed on the back of the coil roll. In order, from the start of the roll, are these quotes:

Space, the Final Frontier... – Kirk
I'm a doctor, not an escalator. – McCoy
That Vulcan won't be satisfied 'til these panels are a puddle of lead! – Scotty
It would have been glorious – Kor
Scotty, beam us up. – Kirk
By golly, Jim, I'm beginning to think I can cure a rainy day. – McCoy
Scotch? It was invented by a little old lady from Leningrad. – Chekov
Ah, what do you mean "if both survive?" – Kirk
Live long and prosper. – Spock
May the great bird of the Galaxy bless your planet. – Sulu
Hailing frequencies open. - Uhura

The quotes appear in two lines; the top in English and the bottom in French. Here is the start of the roll:



Permanent™ Flag over Scenery (2006)

by: *Robin Harris*



The five Permanent™ (51¢) Flag over Scenery stamps (issued Nov. 16, 2006, Scott 2189–93) were the first self-adhesive booklets printed by Canadian Bank Note in *both* panes of 10 *and* panes of 30.

While viewing material at the Library and Archives in Gatineau, QC on April 29, 2016, I viewed the press sheet for these stamps. The stamp and cover sides of this press sheet are illustrated on the next two pages.

This press is quite unique, compared to other definitive issues in recent years. The panes of 10 (total of 24) and panes of 30 (total of 6) are included *on the same press sheet*. All other booklets of this time period are believed to have separate press sheets for each booklet format.

In addition to the booklet panes, positioned vertically down the middle of the sheet are four strips of 5 stamps. Two of these strips have 'half' of the booklet cover printed on the back side while the other two strips are blank on the back. Why? We can make an educated guess: the two strips with the cover printed on the back were made specifically for the quarterly pack while the two strips with a blank back were made specifically for strips applied to the official first day cover.

With that said, there is a minor problem with the above theory. As noted previously, the booklets of 10 [BK341] and 30 [BK342] were released on November 16, 2006. The strips of five were released in the 2007/01 quarterly pack (likely available about mid-April 2007) while the OFDC is correctly dated '2006.11.16'.

On April 5, 2007, the booklet of 30 was released with a slight difference from the original printing – the UPC barcode on the original is found on the back cover while the reprint has the barcode on the stamp side [BK342A]. The latter is the press sheet format that I viewed, and is illustrated here.

This leaves us with two possibilities:

* the press sheet used for the first printing (not viewed at the LAC) has a very similar arrangement as the reprint and the OFDC and quarterly pack strips were printed from it (most likely).

* the reprinted press sheet (seen here) uses the exact same arrangement as the first. However, there would be no need to have the strips of five printed at this time – the OFDCs were released some five months prior to this time, and the quarterly packs were most likely already assembled before the reprint was available.

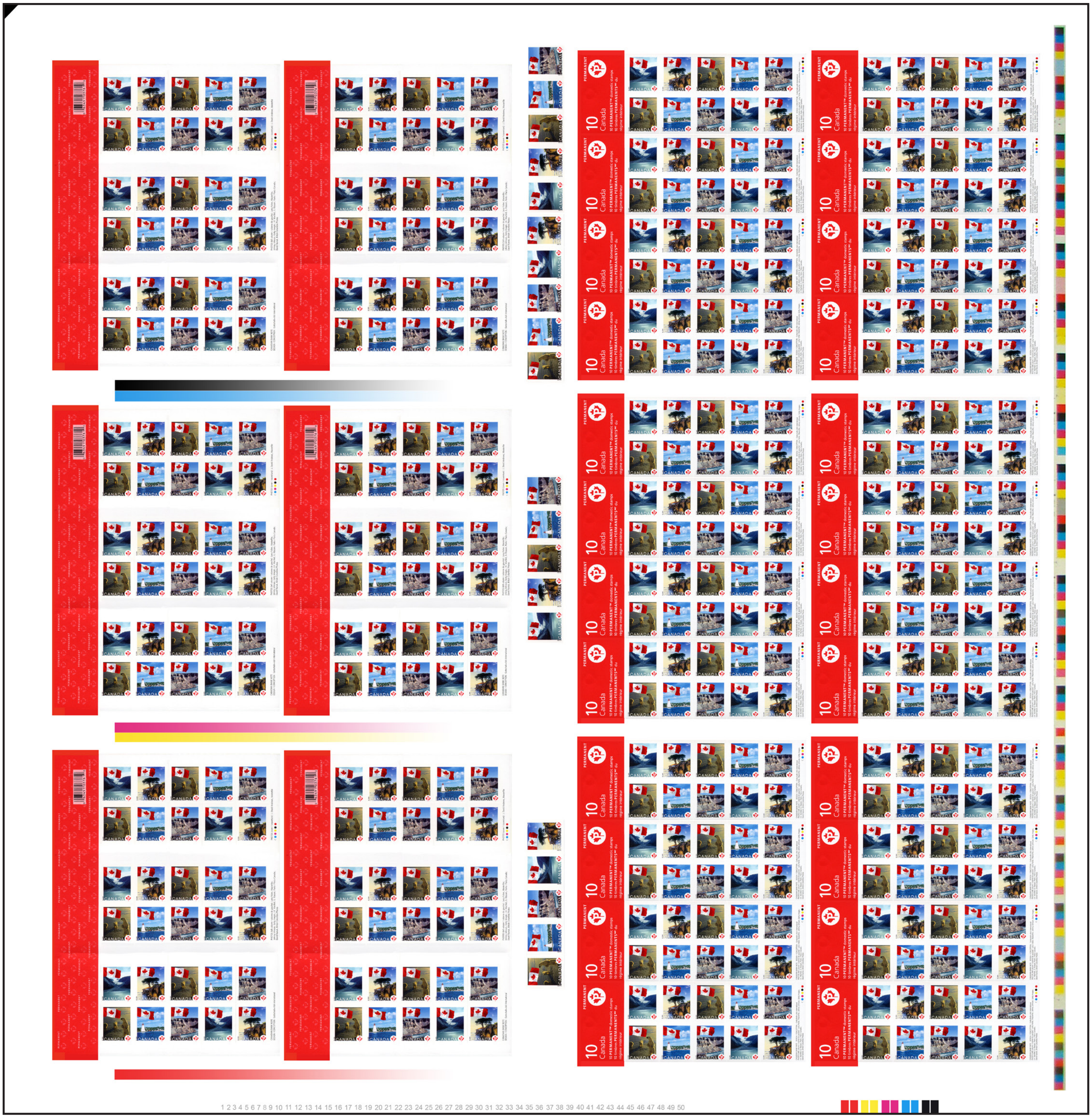
It must be surmised then that the same basic layout of press sheet was used for the original printing (Nov 2006) and reprint (Apr 2007). New stamp and cover panes of 30 were laid down on the press sheet (i.e. different placement of the UPC barcode) but the four vertical strips of 5 stamps were kept on the reprinted press sheet but never used. Too bad the press sheet for the original printing of these stamps was not available for viewing.



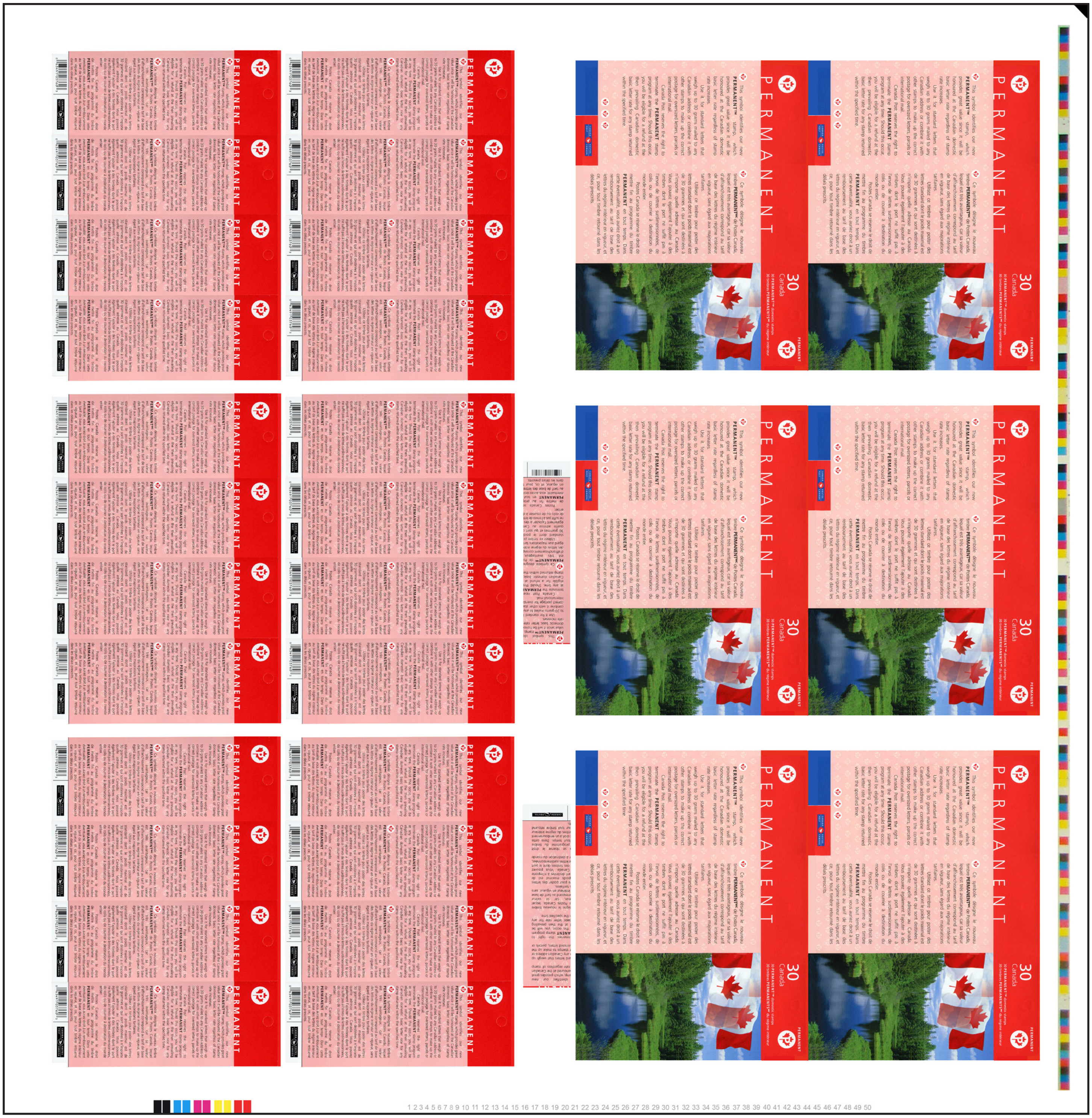
BK342: UPC barcode on back cover



BK342A: UPC barcode moved to stamp side (not visible on back cover)



Press sheet of 50c Flag over Scenery panes of 10 and 30 – stamp side
(digitally created as observed April 29, 2016 at Library and Archives Canada)



Press sheet of 50c Flag over Scenery panes of 10 and 30 – cover side
(digitally created as observed April 29, 2016 at Library and Archives Canada)

Olympic Counterfeits

Back in the July–August 2010 *Corgi Times* (page 10) we reported on the finding of **counterfeit** Olympic definitive sporting event booklets of 10 (2304a/BK395). On the initial find of counterfeits, the back of the booklet always showed ‘event 17’.

A sharp-eyed ESG member has reported the finding of ‘event 11’ counterfeit booklets. We wonder if there are other different back covers that may exist as a counterfeit version?

The illustrations at right are all counterfeit items.







Admail

Back in the May–June 2013 *Corgi Times* we first reported that Canada Post had introduced Customized Postal Indicia that includes art work and a perforated edge look. At the time, the Perforated Edge Design Postal Indicia was only available for Addressed Admail™ (including Dimensional Addressed Admail), Lettermail™, Incentive Lettermail™ and Publications Mail™.



ESG member Earle Covert has been documenting these customized postal indicia. I’m sure he would welcome hearing of your new findings. Contact him at: ecovert6@gmail.com. Earle’s latest listing, e-mailed June 1 and comprised of five PDF files totalling some 30Mb, notes at the start of the first section:

> Note: Robert McGuinness drew to my attention as of September 21, 2015 Canada Post Corporation is calling Addressed Admail *Personalized Mail*, and Unaddressed Mail is now *Neighbourhood Mail*.
>
> These new indicators began appearing on admail indicia in April 2016.

Canada Post’s latest *Details* magazine, May–July 2016 | No. 4, includes a **Personalized Mail** indicia for the first time.





Flag Booklet Singles – Identification

ESG member Ben Heintzberger has been studying some Flag definitive stamps and has come up with the following observations:

◗ **40c Flag over Mountains (Scott 1169)**



It is said that a single stamp from the booklets can not be differentiated from the sheet stamps. Call me crazy but I think you can.

Checking all sheet and booklet stamps there appears to be a difference! All sheet stamps have a horizontal grain and all the booklet stamps have a vertical grain. Therefore, a vertical grain stamp perforated all around would then come from a booklet pane.

Can you confirm this?

◗ **43c Flag over Field (Scott 1359)**



It is said that one can not differ the Ashton-potter and CBN printings on used copies. Well, I'm not sure but I think there is a way. I have mint booklets of both in panes of 10 and 25 and noticed that the glossy coating on both is different. The AP printing has a duller look to it compared to the CBN printing. The CBN printing is very similar to the Leigh-Mardon Pty. Ltd. Printing (as far as the glossiness goes).

Going through all my used copies I separated all the dull glossy ones from the shiny ones, then sorted the different perforations. All the dated copies that have the dull glossiness to them are dated in the Ashton-Potter era of the stamp.

◗ **46c Flag over Iceberg (die cut, Scott 1698)**



Scott #1698 I have noticed some varieties not listed. I found them to have different Fluorescent backs. DF, MF and HF.

The biggest thing I noticed is that they have a Horizontal or Vertical Grain to them. From the 133 checked, 104 were on a horizontal grain [30-DF, 12-MF, 62-HF] and 29 were on a vertical grain [17-DF, 12-HF].

Has anyone else found this or checked?

Articles Urgently Needed

Dinos of Canada II Souvenir Sheet

by: *Robin Harris*

The second set of Dinos of Canada stamps, issued May 26, 2016, included an uncut press sheet.

As with many other "press sheets" offered by Canada Post, this one was made just for collectors – it is *not* the 'official' one used to print the individual souvenir sheets that are distributed to post offices across the country. We know that because the issued souvenir sheets have a UPC barcode in the upper right corner that is not found on the uncut press sheet.



Canada Post pre-issue image of Dinos of Canada II uncut press sheet (from online shopping website)



Issued souvenir sheet, with UPC barcode at upper right

The souvenir sheet consists of a single at the left and a block of four stamps on the right. As illustrated below, on my copy of the souvenir sheet, the perforations of the single stamp at left are not aligned with the block of four stamps. However, the printed image (or, in this case, the 'white border' around the stamps) is aligned. Interestingly, the perforations on my uncut press sheet are aligned correctly.

I would be interested to hear from others as to the alignment of perforations on your Dinos of Canada II souvenir sheet.



Detail of issued souvenir sheet, showing perforation alignment of single stamp in relation to block of four.